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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 1214

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: PROPOSAL SCENARIO

REF: (A) CAPE TOWN 1212, (B) DAR ES SALAAM 2604, (C) USUN 2536,

IN LIGHT OF THE VIEWS OF THE CG AMBASSADORS IN DAR (REF C)
AND THE CAPE TOWN FIVE'S RECOMMENDATIONS (REF A), CONTACT
GROUP MAY WISH TO CONSIDER FOLLOWING SCENARIO:

--EXPLORE SAG WILLINGNESS TO MAKE UNDERTAKING REGARDING NON-USE
OF OSHIVELLO. THIS APPROACH COULD BE IN THE FORM OF A MESSAGE
FROM THE FIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS AS SUGGESTED REF A, OR AN
INITIAL AND INFORMAL EXPLORATION BY THE CAPE TOWN FIVE, OR A
COMBINATION OF BOTH.

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--CONVEY TO NYERERE SAG CONCESSIONS ON OSHIVELLO, IF ANY,
AND OTHER CLARIFICATIONS WE CAN OFFER REGARDING ASSURANCES ON
TIGHT CONTROL OF SOUTH AFRICAN RESIDUAL FORCES.

--PROCEED TO MEETING WITH SWAPO, IDEALLY WITH NYERERE'S
STRONG BACKING.

WE BELIEVE THIS SCENARIO WOULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVE THAN FIRST DISCUSSING WITH NYERERE WHAT WE HOPE TO OBTAIN FROM THE SAG. WE SHOULD HAVE SOME IDEA OF THE SAG'S RESPONSE, IF NOT A DEFINITIVE ANSWER, BEFORE DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITIES WITH NYERERE. IF WE GO TO HIM WITHOUT SUCH INFORMATION, WE MIGHT LEAD HIM TO EXPECT MORE THAN WE WILL BE ABLE TO PRODUCE.

WE QUESTION THE ASSUMPTIONS CITED BY THE OTHER FOUR MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP TO ARGUE FOR PROCEEDING WITH CG VISITS TO DAR AND PRETORIA (REF C). NYERERE, AS INDICATED BY THE DAR FIVE, IS CONCERNED WITH ACHIEVING DEFINITE CONCESSIONS FROM THE SAG RATHER THAN SIMPLY THE FORMALITY OF AN APPROACH TO PRETORIA. ALSO AS NOTED IN CAPE TOWN 1213, WE BELIEVE THE SAG WILL NOT IN ANY WAY BE IMPRESSED WITH THE FACT OF A CG MEETING WITH NYERERE IN DAR. PUBLICITY ABOUT SUCH A SESSION PRIOR TO A VISIT TO PRETORIA AND ON THE HEELS OF THE LUANDA MEETING WOULD ONLY HEIGHTEN THE UNWELCOME PERCEPTION HERE OF A REOPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS.

WE HOPE TO HAVE A MEETING OF THE CAPE TOWN FIVE EARLY TOMORROW TO DISCUSS THE SCENARIO PROPOSED IN THIS MESSAGE. ACCORDING TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY HERE, ONLY PARIS HAS APPROVED THE CG DECISION TO PROCEED WITH THE APPROACH TO NYERERE AS OUTLINED IN USUN 2532.

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